

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

~~1.~~ 2. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for treatment of constipation comprising a substantially horizontal bar supported by a suspension means constructed and arranged to suspend said bar when in use with a toilet a sufficient distance above the toilet to enable a person when using said toilet to passively semi-hang from said bar, wherein said suspension means is a free-standing base having two downwardly extending legs and two support members.

~~2.~~ 3. (Previously Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~1~~ wherein said base comprises:

b3 a cross-bar including two ends and having attached to one of said two ends thereof respectively one leg of said two downwardly extending legs, each said one leg having a lower end constructed and arranged for positioning on a surface, and

said two support members each being a downwardly extending support member attached to respectively one of said two legs by a sleeve, each said support member having a lower end adapted to contact said surface,

wherein each said leg and each said support member together are said suspension means.

~~3.~~ 4. (Previously Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~2~~ wherein said horizontal bar having two ends

includes at each of said two ends thereof a section of pipe attached at a right angle to said horizontal bar, each said section of pipe adapted to slidably circumpose a respective said leg.

6. ~~6~~. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~2~~ wherein the length of each said leg and each said support member is adjustable.

b3 4. ~~4~~. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~3~~ wherein each said sleeve comprises a pathway for receiving an upper end of a respective said support member and a cylinder adjacent thereto for receiving an upper end of a respective said leg,

wherein said support member is hingedly affixed to said sleeve leg.

7. ~~7~~. (Previously Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~6~~ wherein said lower end of each said support member includes a suction cup for securing each said support member to a surface.

5. ~~5~~. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~4~~ wherein said lower end of each said leg comprises a non-skid foot hingedly attached thereto.

8. ~~8~~. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for treatment of constipation comprising:

a cross-bar having two ends and having attached at a substantially right angle to each of said two ends thereof a downwardly extending leg,

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a downwardly extending support member hingedly attached to an upper end of each said leg, and

a horizontal bar having two ends, said horizontal bar being connected at each of said two ends thereof to a respective said leg at a point on said leg so that said horizontal bar when in use in relation to a toilet enables a person using said toilet to passively semi-hang from said horizontal bar.

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9 ~~10~~. (Previously Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~8~~ <sup>4</sup> wherein said horizontal bar includes at each of said two ends thereof a section of pipe attached at a right angle to said horizontal bar, each said section of pipe adapted to slidably circumscribe a respective said leg.

~~8~~ <sup>10</sup> ~~11~~. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim ~~8~~ wherein the length of each said leg and each said support member is adjustable.

Claims 12-22 (Previously Canceled).